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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT OF SECRETARY TO DAKAR AND MESSAGE
FROM SENGHOR

REF: STATE 224417

1. MESSAGE TRANSMITTED REFTEL HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT
SENGHOR THROUGH AMBASSADOR SANE THIS MORNING.

2. SECRETARY'S MESSAGE CROSSED LETTER TO HIM WRITTEN BY
PRESIDENT SENGHOR AND DATED SEPTEMBER 9 JUST DELIVERED TO ME
BY AMBASSADOR SANE.

THERE FOLLOWS HASTY TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH:

3. QUOTE

MR. SECRETARY OF STATE:

I RECEIVED IN TIMELY FASHION THE MESSAGE YOU SENT ME THROUGH
THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT PARIS IN WHICH YOU INFORMED ME OF YOUR
SECOND MEETING WITH MR. VORSTER, PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC
OF SOUTH AFRICA.

I HAVE FOLLOWED ATTENTIVELY THE DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED IN THE
PAPERS AND HAVE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE RESULTS OBTAINED.

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LET ME CONGRATULATE YOU WARMLY, FOR I THINK THEY ARE MORE

IMPORTANT THAN THEY MAY HAVE APPEARED AT FIRST SIGHT.

I HAVE ALSO NOTED THAT YOU HAVE CONCERNED WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING THE POLICY OF THE WEST, AND PRIMARILY OF THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE, WITH REGARD TO SOUTHERN AFRICA.

I AM ALL THE MORE PLEASED BECAUSE, AFTER THE CONFERENCE OF THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENTS OF THE OAU HELD AT MAURITIUS, I DREW THE ATTENTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC TO THE NECESSITY FOR FRANCE TO REVISE ITS SOUTHERN AFRICAN POLICY. I THINK I MAY IN FACT NOW HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT GISCARD HAS GIVEN CONSIDERATION TO MY LETTER.

I HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPY TO MEET WITH ME IN PARIS. IT HAPPENS THAT ON MY WAY BACK TO DAKAR I HAVE STOPPED OVER IN TUNIS TO TALK WITH PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA AND THE TUNISIAN LEADERS, FOR, AS YOUR KNOW, OUR TWO COUNTRIES MAINTAIN A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP.

I THEN TOLD MR. GUILLABERT, THE AMBASSADOR OF SENEGAL IN PARIS, THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER IF YOU COULD STOP OVER IN DAKAR BECAUSE OUR CAPITAL IS ON YOUR ROUTE HOME.

IN TELLING YOU OF THE PLEASURE AND THE INTEREST I WOULD HAVE IN TALKING WITH YOU AGAIN, I ASK YOU TO ACCEPT, MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST AND MOST CORDIAL CONSIDERATION.

SIGNED LEOPOLD SARDAR SENGHOR

UNQUOTE.

4. ORIGINAL OF LETTER WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO DEPARTMENT BY NEXT POUCH.
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